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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the information identified herein are also provided.

It is respectfully requested that the information cited in annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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The information identified on the attached form PTO-1449 was cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in prior application Serial Nos. 08/612,304 and 08/805,031 filed on March 7, 1996 and February 21, 1997 which are relied upon for a filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Therefore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) copies of the information identified herein are not required.

The citation of the listed items is not a representation that they constitute a complete or exhaustive listing of the relevant art or that these items are prior art. The items listed are submitted in good faith, but are not intended to substitute for the Examiner's search. It is hoped, however, that in addition to apprising the Examiner of the particular items, they will assist in identifying fields of search and in making as full and complete a search as possible.

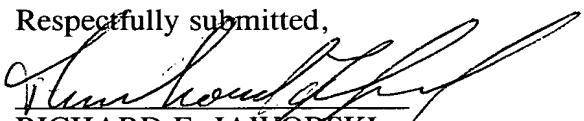
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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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